

## SEASON BRINGS MANY TRIPS FOR RESIDENTS

James E. Hitchcock, former city councilman and Mrs. Hitchcock, now residents of Fellows, spent the holiday weekend at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dudley.

Dr. and Mrs. Eugene L. Cook entertained at their house guest her sister, Miss Sallie C. Terri, of Ferris.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Murphy and sons joined a group of 18 family members for Christmas dinner at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Smith, of Hollywood. Mrs. Murphy's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stasik Jr., of Chicago, arrived Christmas eve for the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Barnard, of 1833 Sonoma avenue, entertained at dinner Christmas day for 15 family members.

Mr. and Mrs. John V. Murray joined their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Louis M. Murray, at their Compton home on Christmas day.

Mrs. Grace Harper and Miss Elizabeth McCook spent Christmas and remained for several days visit with the John Hoop-

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ers of Fontana and formerly of Torrance.

Dr. and Mrs. John W. Beeman's Christmas dinner guests included her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Rodifer and her grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, all of Los Angeles; and his mother, Mrs. Edith Beeman of North Branch, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Don L. Hyde's holiday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. William Baker Smith and their house guest, Arnold Campbell, of Torrance and Montana; Mrs. Elizabeth Lockhart, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith, all of Long Beach; and Archie Grant, of Seattle.

Mrs. Willis M. Brooks' Christmas dinner guests were her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Phillips M. Brooks and son Robin; Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Smith, Mrs. Myrtle McManus and Miss Mary Ulmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto A. Kresse's home was the setting for a beautifully-appointed open house Christmas eve party when approximately 30 friends were entertained. From out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Heineman of Beverly Hills and their house guests Mr. and Mrs. Dan Buttrick of Martinez.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Dunham entertained at their holiday dinner guests Mrs. Mamie Omer of Los Angeles; L. Taylor, of Long Beach; Lou Clark, Hollywood; and Mrs. Joy Kenworthy and Gary, of North Hollywood.

Dr. and Mrs. O. E. Fossum held a family reunion at their home Christmas day. Included were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tuttle (Arlis Fossum) and Gary, of Ventura; and Miss Myrna Fossum, on vacation from Whittier College.

If we have not peace within ourselves, it is vain to seek it from outward sources.

—Rochehoucauld



SEA OF HAPPY FACES—This was but a small part of the crowd of children that attended the Torrance Lions Club Christmas party at the Civic Auditorium last Thursday. It was estimated that more than 1000 children showed up for the program and queued up in the street outside the building. Paul Diamond and Mill Isbell alternated as masters of ceremony, and each boy and girl received a bag of candy.



SWAPS CHAPEAUX — John B. Riordan, an ensign navigator with the Naval Air Transport during the World War II, swapped the uniform of the Navy this week for the khaki of the Army. Riordan, who lives with his wife and child at 1663 West 204th street, was commissioned a second lieutenant and will leave for Field Artillery Officers School at Ft. Sill, Okla. This week.

## U.S. Steel's Plant to Build Kaiser Project

The fabrication and erection of a new blast furnace at Fontana has been awarded to Consolidated Western Steel Corporation, a United States Steel subsidiary, by the Kaiser Company, Inc. Alden G. Roach, president of Consolidated announced this week.

The new furnace will have a rated capacity of 1200 tons of pig iron and appurtenant facilities necessary to produce steel plate. It will be completed in 1949 and is almost identical with the present blast furnace of similar capacity also fabricated and erected by Consolidated Steel in 1942.

At the same time, Roach also announced that Consolidated Western Steel Corporation will begin the fabrication next month at its Maywood plant of large diameter welded steel pipe to be used in the 1840 mile pipeline system to be constructed by Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation, which will extend from Texas to New York City.



RETIRING — A. E. Witt, who retires Dec. 31 as division controller and assistant secretary of the National Supply Company.

## Mill Succeeds A. E. Witt at National Plant

Fred W. Mill will become division controller of The National Supply Company, Torrance, on Jan. 1, according to an announcement by E. H. Thorsteinson, vice president and controller.

Mill has been with the company since 1917. He started with the Torrance plant as timekeeper and progressed through other accounting activities until 1944 when he was appointed assistant division controller.

In 1945 Mill was transferred to the executive offices in Pittsburgh as general supervisor of plant accounting, and in 1947 he became general plant controller. He takes over the duties of A. E. Witt, who will retire on Dec. 31.

Although retiring from active duty Witt will remain with the local organization in an advisory capacity. He has completed 32 years of service with the National Supply Company.

Formerly an employee of the Union Tool Company, which in 1920 became a part of National Supply Company, Witt served the company first in Torrance, later in Toledo, Ohio, and then returned to the Pacific Coast. In 1931 he was appointed office manager at Torrance, in 1944 was made division controller, and in 1947 became assistant secretary.

## Cities With Coastlines May Benefit

A Los Angeles chemical engineer believes he has a plan to purify sea water for agricultural use. The engineer is Dr. Emil J. Rausch, who has offered his plan to several Southern California counties.

Dr. Rausch, recently with the University of Arizona, and the Arizona Department of Public Health, did not reveal details of his plan, but said he had perfected the process after years of study. While at the University of Arizona, he made intensive studies of water purification.

Believing his plan is economically possible to operate, Dr. Rausch said he was offering it to county officials providing it is developed by capital from public funds and operated as a public non-profit utility.

He said his plans, calling for operation of sea water purification all along the Southern California Coast, would virtually eliminate the need of Colorado River water.

"Hunters and fishermen must be impressed with the value of sportsmanship—not just getting their game," — Judge H. O. Harrawood of Redlands.

## Bobby Hyatt Spends Yule With Parents

Although a polo victim of the present epidemic, little Bobby Hyatt, 8-year-old screen actor, celebrated Christmas with his parents.

Bobby, a patient at Harbor General Hospital, Torrance, was allowed by doctors to leave his bed for 12 hours and to spend the day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hyatt, and a four-year-old brother, Renn. An ambulance took him home from the hospital and after Bobby had eaten his turkey dinner and opened his gifts, it brought him back to Torrance.

The child actor has appeared in 27 pictures and is an accomplished dancer and musician. Before he contracted the disease two months ago, Bobby appeared in a play at the Pasadena Playhouse and the film, "The Dark Past."

### HEPBURN STARS

United States Steel's award-winning Theater Guild on the Air rings in the New Year with Katherine Hepburn and Paul Henreid co-starring in "The Game of Love and Death," Sunday, Jan. 2, via stations of the American Broadcasting Company network at 6:30 p.m., Pacific standard time.

## Assignments in European Theater Open

Long Beach Air Force Base has openings in 44 different military occupational specialties for Air Force veterans who desire direct assignment to the European Commands. The announcement, issued by M/Sgt. James R. Callison, local Army and Air Force Recruiting Chief, also stated that the quota must be procured prior to Jan. 1.

Among those job vacancies listed by Sergeant Callison are 13 auto equipment operators, 11 teletype mechanics, six aerial engineers, six cooks, eight radio repairmen, and four supply technicians. Also included are radar repairmen, clerk typists, accountants and auto mechanics.

Further information may be obtained at the Army and Air Force Recruiting Station, 155 West Washington boulevard; enlistments are being completed at the 2347th Air Force Reserve Training Unit, Long Beach Airport.

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## Three 'Dimes' Appointments Are Disclosed

Mrs. Clara A. Conner, chairman for the local committee for the 1949 "March of Dimes" campaign, today announced four appointments, following an informal organization meeting. They are:

Mrs. Phyrne Laughon, representing the Women's Club, chairman of the Women's Division.

Mrs. Ruth Bennett, representing the Junior Women's Club, to take charge of the group from Torrance when the special parade is to be held in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Verne G. Barlow, representing the local high school PTA, through the PTA groups and local Board of Education, to have charge of the collection in the Torrance school system.

The chairman, Mrs. Clara A. Conner, would appreciate it if persons who desire to help in the local campaign this year contact her at Torrance 1351-J or 358 at their earliest convenience so that plans for the coming drive can be completed.

Additional appointments will be made soon by Mrs. Conner for some of the special groups in Torrance.

### REDUCE SPEEDS

Motorists are warned by the National Automobile Club to reduce speeds during the rainy season. Slippery pavements can cause dangerous skidding when brakes are applied at high speeds.

## Justice Court Needs Jurors at \$3 Per Day

Gardena Justice Court needs jurors, according to an appeal this week from the court clerk's office.

Jurors receive \$3 a day on criminal cases, plus mileage at 15 cents a mile. They must be registered voters of the township, which takes in the City of Torrance, must be in possession of their normal faculties, and must be persons of fair character and sound judgment. Address of the court is 16525 South Western avenue, Gardena.

## Opposition to Rapid Transit System Voted

Opposition to the proposed formation of a Rapid Transit District has been registered by the Torrance City Council, in a resolution identified as No. 1946.

Formation of such a district is provided for in the revised draft of a bill to be introduced at the coming session of the State Legislature in January.

The new bill as drawn would take the place of the bill previously adopted, but which later became a point of controversy.

Opposition to the act is being expressed by virtually all of the cities outside the Los Angeles city limits, since the real estate within these cities would be taxed to provide a rapid transit line the main idea of which is to funnel business into downtown Los Angeles.

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